MOSCOW, Jan 15 (AFP) - Russia has called on Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Jordan to stop the recruiting or transport of mercenaries to fight in Chechnya, Foreign Ministry spokesman Grigori Karasin said here Sunday.

In a statement to the ITAR-TASS news agency, he said ambassadors of the five countries had been summoned and told of Russia's concern at reports of large numbers of mercenaries fighting for Chechen rebels against Russian forces.

Moscow called on Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan to stop the recruiting of Afghan mercenary bands in Afghanistan and in Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan, and to stop these bands from reaching the Russian border.

Karasin also asked Saudi Arabia and Jordan to stop the "illegal penetration" by their citizens into Russia to fight on the side of Chechnya, which is under attack by Russian forces trying to crush its secession from Moscow.

He said several dozen Jordanian and Afghan mercenaries had been captured by Russian forces in Chechnya on January 2.

Moscow also alleges that about 80 Lithuanians are fighting for the Chechens, along with about 50 Ukrainian nationalists.

And Ivan Rybkin, speaker of the Duma, the Russian lower house of parliament, spoke at the weekend of a Baltic female unit, known as "white tights", fighting alongside the Chechens.

Rybkin said the women were paid 1,000 dollars a day each, plus 1,500 dollars for each Russian officer killed.